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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- identified the specific characteristics and needs of at least two species of non-venomous reptiles
- provided general care for a minimum of two common non-venomous reptiles from two different species, including for each:
 - demonstrated appropriate restraint and safe handling techniques
 - prepared and provided food
 - evaluated housing and assessed heating and lighting suitability and adjusted as appropriate to ensure the welfare of reptiles
 - assisted with health care needs
 - maintained feed and husbandry records.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- anatomical structures and physiological features used to identify and classify reptiles, including:
 - lizards
 - monitors and goannas
 - non-venomous snakes
 - tortoises and turtles
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for reptiles
- housing, social and activity needs of reptiles and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing
- indicators of physical condition and signs of good health in reptiles

- appropriate heat sources and temperature gradients
- appropriate lighting for reptile housing
- natural reptile behaviour, including:
 - behaviour characteristics associated with different species
 - defensive behaviours
- appropriate enrichment activities for reptiles
- potential hazards and risks to animals and staff during feeding and cleaning of housing including zoonoses
- safe, low stress reptile handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures, including personal protective equipment
- the principles of animal welfare and basic overview of animal welfare assessment frameworks/models, including the Five Domains
- types and impacts of food in reptile diets, including natural dietary requirements for specific species
- indicators of food quality, including nutritional value, freshness and shelf life, free from spoilage and pests
- types of information reported and recorded in animal care workplaces
- key requirements of Commonwealth and state/territory legislation, licensing and codes of practice related to captured wildlife, biosecurity and quarantine, health and safety and animal welfare.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of live, non-venomous reptiles as required for the performance evidence
 - equipment and resources typically available in reptile care facility, including personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - organisational policies and procedures, current legislation and relevant codes of practice
- relationships:
 - supervisor.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>